



# Terrebonne Bay Shore Protection Demonstration (TE-45)

## Project Status

**Approved Date:** 2001                      **Cost:** \$2.6 million  
**Project Area:** N/A                      **Status:** Construction  
**Net Benefit After 20 Years:** N/A  
**Project Type:** Demonstration: Shoreline Protection

## Location

The project is located along the northern shore of Lake Barre in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

## Problems

Erosion of bay shore marshes results in substantial losses of saline marsh allowing higher salinities and increased wave action to intrude northward, ultimately threatening low-salinity habitats at the northern ends of the area's interdistributary basins.

## Restoration Strategy

Maintenance of shoreline integrity along Terrebonne Bay is a regional strategy in the Coast 2050 plan. Given the great linear distances involved in implementing this strategy, techniques less costly than traditional rip-rap armoring will likely be needed to effectively address this problem. This demonstration project would seek to demonstrate the cost and effectiveness of alternative shore protection methods including artificial oyster reefs. Each protection measure would be installed near or on marsh shorelines to provide wave-protection.

Six techniques have been chosen based on anticipated effectiveness and cost. Three replicates of each technique will be installed as recommended by Louisiana Department of Natural Resources monitoring personnel. To better assess the effect of the oyster reef techniques, monitoring will be conducted over an 8-year period, rather than the usual 5 years.

## Progress to Date

The Feasibility and Preliminary Design Report was completed in November 2002. Techniques to be tested and final site selections were made at that time and were based on the surveys, geotechnical investigations and preliminary engineering and design presented in that report. Construction approval was granted in August 2003.

This project is on Priority Project List 10.



Aerial photo of a portion of the northern shoreline of Lake Barre.



The eroding shoreline of Lake Barre.

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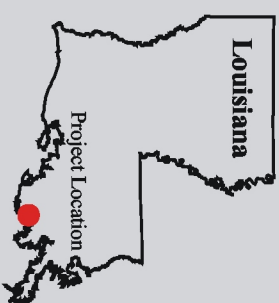
Shoreline Protection \*



Project Boundary

\* denotes proposed features

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